

Fair Use Act

Assessment 7

Many kids download music and movies illegally from the internet, they don't realize what they are doing is illegal. They think that because it is on the internet and available free that they can download it. This is a big issue today and I want to make sure that what the kids do in class is legal.

For this assignment the students need to research what Fair Use and copyright are. They will need to know what is acceptable under fair use because they will need to follow Fair Use guidelines when they are creating projects in multimedia.

For this assignment they will start by taking a pre-test over their knowledge of the Fair Use Act. We will peer grade this assessment then discuss it in class.

The students will then complete assessment 7 using their critical thinking skills to determine what is fair use and what isn't and how it will all be applied to the projects they do in class.

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Name _____
Points earned _____/100

Part 1

Do a search on the internet using your favorite search engine and answer the following questions using **Word**. *Use complete sentences.* **(5 points each)**

1. What is the Fair Use Act and how will it affect what you do in this class.
2. What are the guidelines for using music?
3. What are the guidelines for using images from the internet?
4. What are the guidelines for using video from VHS, DVD, or similar media for multimedia productions?

Part 2

Answer the following questions using your knowledge of the FUA and US Copyright. Use complete sentences.

1. Do you see any difference between unauthorized downloading of copyrighted music from the Internet and shoplifting CDs from a store? Explain. (5 pts)
2. Decide whether each of the following is fair use or copyright infringement and **why**. (5pts ea.)
 - A. Making computer backup copies of legally purchased CDs and DVDs.
 - B. Making computer backup copies of legally purchased CDs and DVDs to give to friends.
 - C. Burning copies of purchased CDs to use at home or in a your car.
 - D. Sharing copies of purchased CDs and DVDs over the Internet.
 - E. Copying "sample" music album singles from unauthorized web sites for personal use.
 - F. Downloading songs using P2P applications such as Limewire for personal use.
 - G. Setting up a web site, financed by advertising, that distributes free unauthorized copies of CDs and DVDs.
3. What is the current length of copyright protection? Do you think the current length of copyright protection is reasonable? Explain. (10 pts.)
4. Find a case on the internet involving the Fair Use Act. Give a summary of the case. What do you think the outcome will be or if it has already been settled, do you agree with the verdict? Why or why not? (10 pts.)
5. What if you are an artist and people are making illegal copies and sharing your music? (10 pts.)
6. Why is copyright protection and fair use such a hotly debated subject? Use as many examples as you can.(10 pts.)